

Madonna Carlson, R.N., M.Ed.

After fifteen years as the original coordinator of the California Diabetes and Pregnancy Program for San Diego and Imperial Counties, MS. Carlson became the Director of the Regional Perinatal System (RPS) in March 2000. As the director, Madonna also oversees the administration of the San Diego and Imperial Counties, Region 9, California Diabetes and Pregnancy Program (CDAPP) grants which include the "Sweet Success" Program, CDAPP Resource Center and CDAPP Data Project. Most recently, she worked to acquire a contract with the San Diego County Commission for Children and Families (Prop 10) *Kit for New Parents* (Welcome Baby) which will distribute over 40,000 informational kits a year.

Ms. Carlson received her nursing degree from Mt. St. Mary's College in Los Angeles and her graduate degree in education with a community health focus from Texas A & M University.

She has worked in the areas of women's surgery, emergency room, recovery room, and surgical intensive care, of which three years were in the U.S. Navy at Camp Pendleton.

Her 15 years experience as a diabetes educator and program coordinator includes lecturing, developing and publishing education materials and chairing both local and national committees. She has been a San Diego resident for over 35 years.